

2013 Needs Assessment for Geneva County

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Accomplishments

- DHR received a \$4800.00 grant which was used at the Child Advocacy Center for forensic interviews and counseling in child sex abuse cases from Geneva County.
- The YES program served 31 kids this grant cycle and 14 received their GED's. The YES program has been refunded for the 2013 -2014 program year.
- The Reality Check program was presented to all 10th graders in 3 of the 4 schools in the county to give students an understanding of the benefit of a good education and the cost associated with independent living.
- The truancy prevention program established by the Juvenile Court and the District Attorneys office continue to work together to prosecute parents who allow their children to remain truant.
- Participated in the Blue Ribbon Campaign to raise awareness of child abuse and helping with fundraising activities in Geneva County in which all 4 elementary schools participated in the Blue Ribbon Week efforts.
- The Exchange Center conducted an abuse prevention program entitled "My body belongs to Me" to all 1st through 3rd grades in Geneva County schools.
- The Boys and Girls Clubs in Geneva and Slocumb averaged 50 children each location and "project learn" a homework help program was conducted at both locations.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Child Safety

| Existing resources available to help meet this need include: | Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include: |
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| Law Enforcement/Fire and Rescue emergency Services School Authorities Service Providers Community Volunteers Churches and Businesses Media DHR Child Advocacy Center Exchange Center Geneva County Extension Office | Additional Grant Funding Volunteers Better Family Involvement Juvenile Drug Treatment Juvenile Mental Health Treatment Car Seats Donations |

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Training in the schools regarding bullying/internet safety for youth, administrators and parents.
2. Prom Promise program.
3. Parent Project.
4. Blue Ribbon Campaign and Child Abuse Awareness.
5. My Body Belongs To Me Program. (sex abuse prevention)

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

School Success

| Existing resources available to help meet this need include: | Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include: |
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| Boys and Girls Club Public Library Media Law Enforcement Juvenile Court Exchange Center Warren Beck Leadership Program DHR HRDC Service Providers School Authorities PTA Churches | Funds (To bring back programs like the Choice Bus) After School Tutoring Credit Recovery Programs for all school Increased community participation |

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

After School Tutoring

Truancy Reduction Programs (Holding parents more accountable)

Reality Check Program (Provided by Cooperative Extension Service)

YES Program

Life Skills classes and Character Education, Faith Based

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Education and parenting for teens and families

| Existing resources available to help meet this need include: | Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include: |
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| Wiregrass Emergency-Pregnancy Service Health Department (Teen Pregnancy Prevention) In School Education Insight Anger Management Mission Groups Civic Organizations YES Program Exchange Center Wiregrass Hope Geneva County Extension Enterprise Career Center KORIS program (to help children of incarcerated parents) | Mentors for young parents Fatherhood initiative Parent Project/Positive Action Classes |

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Today's Mom program

Parent Project/Positive Action

Incorporate Grandparent Training (Kid and Kin Family Guidance)

Referrals to the YES Program

More promotion of and referrals to the dual enrollment program

More involvement from Civic Organizations, PTA's and Churches